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Part B for May 1915

SUBJECT.

Dispute between the Hindus and Mahomedans of Chintamani re execution of repairs to the verandah of the Ashurkhana at the place.

To, The Deputy Commissr
Kolar Dt
Nr 2729 Dy 18.5.15
Sanctioning the construction of a verandah with minarets to the Ashurkhana at Chintamani

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FILE HEADING.

Dispute between the Hindus and Mohamedans of Chintamani in the matter of a license granted allowing the execution of repairs to the verandah of the ~~Al~~ Ashrufkhana at Chintamani

From

The Dy. Comr, Kolar.

No. 78 Dated 5-9-14 Received 8-9-14 5-12-14

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BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

In continuation of his letter no. 52 dt 27th Augt 14, regarding the Chintamani mosque affair, reports that the Amildar issued a license on 14-11-13 permitting the repairs to the verandah to be carried out; that the receipt of the application & the issue of the license have not been recorded in any register in the Taluk office; that the application is missing; and forwards the explanation of the Amildar, the S.T. clerk and the jamadar in the matter.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

9 The correspondence on the subject including the letter referred to above was recorded by Govt in their Order no. 891-2/Mug 55-14-8 dt 7-11-14.

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2. The Dy: Coun. in forwarding the record on the subject gives a brief history of the case.

3 The important point in this case, which has been overlooked, is the missing of the application for issue of license and failure to register the receipt of the application and the issue of license in the Taluk Registers.

4 From the explanation of Ld. F clerk Gunda Rao in respect of the missing petn, it may be seen that the Town Sanitary Inspector Sundaram Iyer has shewn some unusual interest and hastiness in getting the license issued and in fact he took upon himself the duty of delivering the license to the parties. It is stated by Gunda Rao that he also works in the same room with him and it is strange that no explanation has been taken from the Sanitary Inspector in the matter of the loss of the petition.

5 There is also no explanation for not recording in the Taluk Registers the application for license & the issue of it.

6 Next, as regards the issue of license

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K itself, the Amildar Mr. C. Gopalachar admits in his explanation that it was a mistake not to have consulted the municipal Councillors before the issue of license.

7 Notwithstanding the fact that the local Mohamedans have been for a long time trying their best to pass off the Ashurkhana as a mosque in face of orders passed from time to time by Dy: Comrs & also Govt and the future trouble anticipated by Hindus if the building is allowed to be improved on the model of a mosque, it appears rather strange that the Municipal Councillors have

L thought it harmless in permitting the Mohamedans to improve the building as desired by them.

8. The Dy: Comr suggests in the last para of his letter that the orders passed by Govt in their Order No 84-85/J.692 dt 17-11-02 may be reiterated and that no further action is called for.

Subs for orders.

8/12 9. The building has been declared to be an Ashurkhana and carrying dead bodies to it has been

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prohibited by an order of the Amildar & 2-class magistrate of Chittanoor. The District magistrate on more occasions than one and the Govt., have passed orders declining to prohibit Hindu processions & music in front of the institution.

10. There can be little doubt that the Mahomedans are trying slowly to convert the Ashurkhana into a Masjid and finally to claim all the advantages of the latter. The Dy Coll. has explained how the indiscretion of the Amildar in having issued a license without proper investigation & authority has resulted in the sensational telegram recd by Govt. and which formed the subject of all this enquiry.

11. There does not seem to be anything for Govt. to do in this matter now. The 1st letter from the Dy Coll. has been recorded and the writer of the telegram ordered to be warned.

~~Hence the Amildar's case is finished and the Mamlatdar's case opened~~

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the Komatis are now said to have no objection to the minarets being completed, and the Muhammadans to have agreed not to claim the stoppage of music in front of the institution & to bring dead bodies by it. If approved the present letter of the Dy Comr may be recorded with the direction that he may take such action in the matter as is not inconsistent with the previous orders on the subject and so as to prevent future trouble, taking if necessary proper undertakings from both the parties.

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13. Request the Dy Comr to send a plan of the mosque showing the minarets and call for his opinion why the minarets should not be ordered to be removed as their construction was evidently not permitted after issue and as its retention may lead to future complications

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2	To, D.C. Kolar, No 1494 &c. requests the sub.n of a plan of the building showing the minarets &c. said to be erected together with his opinion as to whether or no it is not in the interests of maintenance of the peace, the minarets in question should not be ordered at the time of the construction &c.
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3	From the D. C. Kolar., No C. 207 dt 26-3-15. Submits a plan of the building showing the minarets and states that as in his opinion there is not likely to be any more trouble in the matter and as the minarets add to the beauty of the spot, they should be nicely finished off and allowed to remain where they are, and that it would be inadvisable to order their removal. 14 Subd for orders with reference to the remarks of the H. Secretary on page 5. 8d The Dy Com.r said in his previous letter 9/4 that the Komatis have no objection to the minarets being completed and that the Mohamedans have agreed not to claim the right of the stoppage of music passing

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in front of the institution the minarets are already in an advanced stage of construction and are said to give beauty to the building. may the Dy Com's recommendations be sanctioned?

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15. The building used as Dharmsala can hardly be called a Dharmsala. It is 32' by 20' and is actually occupied by the Sd building which is only 19'×29'. The license was hastily issued without sufficient specification but the Amildar should have satisfied himself about the reasons for such an large expenditure. There appears to be very little doubt that the local Mahomedans are responsible for some mischief work in this matter and some of the Vakils appear to have played into their hands.

16. The Municipal Council has recorded a resolution allowing the minarets to stand and the Dy Comm's is against any interference with them at the present stage. The Dy Comm's report may be recorded

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and his proposal to retire -
and in lieu of the Mutwalli
that the building in question was
continue to be looked after by as
Archaeological Department.

17. The conduct of the local
Officers has not been satisfactory.
The D.C's report does not
touch upon the subject excepting
that the accident has been in-
vestigated.

18. I agree. The Authorities should
have been more careful in
issuing the license & the D.C.
should institute further enquiry
& take due notice of the loss of
the Papers connected with the
Case.

19 No harm is likely to result
if the building is finished as
it is, but before allowing it,
the chief Parties Concerned should
be made to execute a Muchalka
to that they will not claim

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any new privileges on account of this Ashurkhana.

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24. Subd by Secretary A.C. 5.5.15.

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circumstances reported the miners may remain, but before allowing it, the attention to this case should be made to execute undertaking that they don't claim any such privileges on account of this khunkhana & that no such instance further inquiries in the lost papers connected with the case & take due notice of its conduct of those responsible in these lost.

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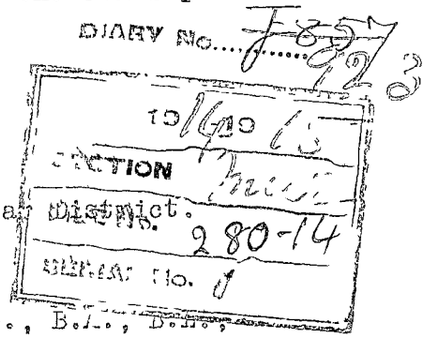
Deputy Commissioner's office,

Kolar District,

Dated Kolar, the 5th September 1914.



From

P. F. Bowring, Esquire.,

Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District.

To

D.M. Narasinga Rao, Esquire., B.A., B.L.,

Offg. Secretary to the Government of Mysore,

General and Revenue Departments,

Bangalore.

S.T.

Sir,

M. In continuation of my letter No. 52 dated the 27th ultimo, regarding the Chintamani mosque affair, I beg to inform Government of the following facts that have come to my notice.

2. In November 1913, Mutuvali Dastagiri Sab presented a petition to the Amildar of Chintamani asking that he might be allowed to repair the verandah inside the compound of the mosque.

3. This petition is now, not forthcoming, it has either been lost in the Taluk office, or done away with.

4. The Amildar, on 14th November 1913, issued a N license permitting the repair to the verandah to be carried out. In this license, the building is alluded to as a "mosque" whereas the Komatics have always contended that it is only an Ashrufkhana. The original license is

in the hands of the license holder. The receipt of the application, and the issue of the license, has not been recorded in any register kept in the Taluk office. The Amildar, however, admits that he issued the license.

5. Nothing much appears to have been done until the Amildar went on five days' casual leave in August when the Mahomedans ran up a minaret on each side of the verandah. It was then that the telegram to Government was sent by Subba Rao, a clerk in Mr. Chatterton's office at the request, apparently, of the Chintamani Komaties who had come to Kolar for the purpose. Subba Rao had nothing whatever to do with the matter, and his very questionable action, seeing that he himself was a Government official and that I was in Kolar at the time, deserves punishment.

6. As this dispute between the Komaties and Mahomedans of Chintamni was a very old and long standing one, which has been enquired into on several occasions, and that there had at times been considerable correspondence about it, I asked the Amildar Mr. Gopala Char to explain why, on his own authority he had issued the license without consulting his Municipal Council, and without obtaining a plan of the proposed alterations and additions to the building. Mr. Gopala Char has sent his explanation which is attached to the file.

7. It will be seen from the explanation that he admits that he committed an error of judgment in issuing the license without bringing it to the notice of his Council, and without having insisted on a plan of the alterations. The Amildar's action in this respect was

no doubt indiscreet, but fortunately there never was for a moment any likelihood of a breach of the peace.

8. It is reported that the Komaties do not object to the minarets being completed, and the Mahomedans have agreed not to claim the right to the stoppage of music passing in front of the building or to bring dead bodies to the Ashrufkhana until orders have been obtained in the matter from Government.

9. Such orders, I beg to submit, have already been passed by Government in their Order No.84-95/J.692 dated 17th November 1902, contained in an endorsement granted to the Mahomedans on their appeal against the order of the Deputy Commissioner and District Magistrate, Mr.Carr, dated the 6th April 1902. There seems to me to be nothing more to do in the matter than to reiterate this order so as to bring it again to the notice of Mutuvali, which, I will do if Government will approve of my action.

10. The whole record is herewith submitted.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Deputy Commissioner

Kolar District.

Chintamani mosque affair

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No. 1494

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To The Deputy Comr. Kolar District.

Date of issue 9. 1. 1915

Signed by [illegible]

Sir,

With reference to correspondence ending with your letter no. 78 & 5. 9-14 ~~regarding the Chintamani mosque affair~~, I am directed to request that a plan of the building showing the minarets may kindly be furnished along with your opinion as to ~~whether~~ the minarets should ~~not~~ be ordered to be removed, ~~or~~ their construction

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matter of repairs to the Archaeological building at Chintamani

whether it will not be in the interests of maintenance of public peace in the future that

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For Secretary

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No-C-207 Encl.

Deputy Commissioner's office,

Kolar District,

Dated Kolar, the 26th March 1915.

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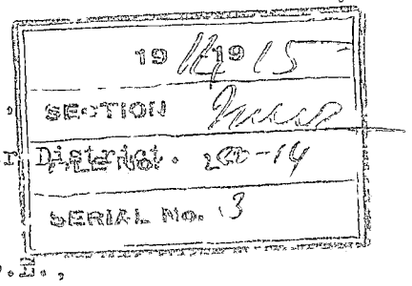

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To

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offg. Secretary to the Government of Mysore,

General and Revenue Departments,

Bangalore.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No.1494/Muz.280-14-2 dated 9th January 1915, regarding the Ashurkhana at Chintamani, I have the honor to submit herewith a plan of the building showing the minarets and to state in my opinion, as there is not likely to be any more trouble in the matter and as the minarets add to the beauty of the spot, they should be nicely finished off, and allowed to remain where they are.

2. It would be very inadvisable to order their removal.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

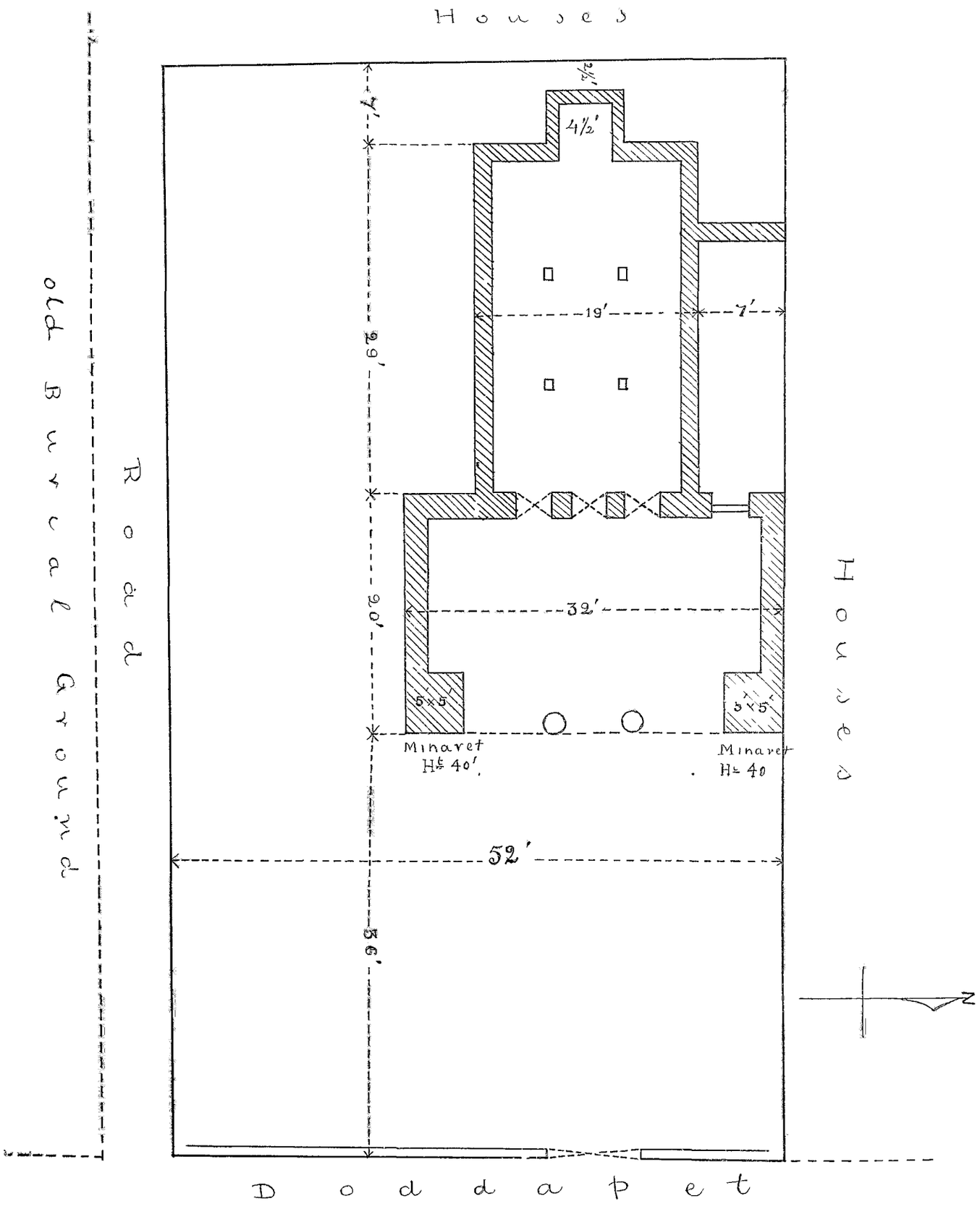
Your most obedient servant,

P F Bowring

Deputy Commissioner

Kolar District.

Plan of Ashurkhana.



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Construction of a verandah with minarets to the Ashurkhana at Chintamani

File No. 280-14

Serial No. 4

Diary No. of letter replied to 1567

Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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READ—again:—

Govt Pro: No 891-2 Mur 55-14-8 dated 7th November 1914 recording with certain observations the report of the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District, in the matter of a license granted by the Amildar of Chintamani to certain

Date of issue 18-5-1915

Signed by Mr. L. Narasimmaiya

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local Musalmans to erect a verandah adjoining the Ashurkhana building in the progress of which two minarets were run up unauthorizedly during the absence of the Amildar on leave.

2. Correspondence ending with letter No. 207 dated 26th March 1915 from the Dy: Commr, Kolar District, forwarding a plan of the Ashurkhana building showing the position of the minarets and stating that the Vysias have withdrawn their objection to the minarets, that the Mohamedans have agreed not to claim the right to stoppage of music or to bring dead bodies to

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the Ashurkhana, and that there was never any likelihood of breach of the peace occurring and recommending that the minarets which add beauty to the building may be allowed to remain and finished off.

Order thereon

The minarets may, under the circumstances reported, be allowed to remain, as it is stated that no harm is likely to result if the building is finished off as it is; but before allowing it, the chief parties concerned should be made to execute a Mutchalika that they

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will not claim any new privileges on account of this Ashurkhana.

The Amildar should have been more careful in issuing the license and the Dy: Commr should institute further enquiry and take due notice of the loss of the papers connected with the case.

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4/5/15

Sd/- For Dy: Secretary
1/5/15

To,

The Dy: Commr
Kolar Dt returning records.

AMS